

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, PINT, SHUM, SF

SUBJECT: DEATHS OF POLITICAL DETAINEES

1. PAULINE BAKER, SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
STAFFER, WOULD LIKE DEFINITIVE FIGURE ON NUMBER OF  
POLITICAL DETAINEE DEATHS SINCE FIRST DETENTION  
WITHOUT TRIAL LAW IN 1963. REPORT OF SOUTH AFRICAN  
INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS LISTS STEVE BIKO AS  
FORTY-FIRST DEATH. RAND DAILY MAIL ARTICLE LISTS  
BIKO AS NUMBER 43 OR 44.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ALSO MOST RECENT INFORMATION  
ON PETER JONES, DETAINED ALONG WITH BIKO. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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